

What is claimed is:

1 1. In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk
2 stacked upon said first disk, and a powder disposed between said first disk and said
3 second disk.

1 2. The combination recited in claim 1, wherein said first disk and said second
2 disk are each comprised of glass or glass-ceramic.

1 3. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder spaces said first
2 disk from said second disk.

1 4. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder is comprised of an
2 inorganic material.

1 5. The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is
2 calcium carbonate.

1 6. The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is
2 selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium
3 carbonate, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium
4 oxide, magnesium phosphate, and clay.

1 7. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder is a mineral
2 powder.

1 8. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder has a size of about
2 200 mesh.

1 9. The combination recited in claim 1, wherein said first disk is spaced apart
2 from said second disk by only said powder.

1 10. A method of preparing a disk, comprising:
2 providing at least a first disk and a second disk;
3 stacking the first disk on the second disk; and
4 providing a powder between a surface of the first disk and a surface of the
5 second disk.

1 11. The method recited in claim 10, wherein said providing a powder utilizes
2 the powder to space the surface of the first disk from the surface of the second disk.

1 12. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising unstacking the first disk
2 from the second disk utilizing the powder as a separation aid.

1 13. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising unstacking the first disk
2 from the second disk, and polishing the surface of the first disk and the surface of the
3 second disk using a slurry, the powder being selected so as to not affect a pH of the
4 slurry.

1 14. The method recited in claim 13, wherein said polishing at least partially
2 removes the powder from the surface of the first disk and from the surface of the
3 second disk.

1 15. The method recited in claim 14, wherein said polishing includes dispersing
2 the powder in the slurry to remove the powder from the surface of the first disk and
3 from the surface of the second disk.

1 16. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising transporting the first
2 disk and the second disk; and using the powder to protect the first disk and the second
3 disk during said transporting.

1 17. The method recited in claim 10, wherein the first disk and the second disk
2 are each comprised of glass.

1 18. The method recited in claim 10, wherein the powder comprises an
2 inorganic powder.

1 19. The method recited in claim 10, wherein the powder is comprised of
2 calcium carbonate.

1 20. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising selecting the powder
2 from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium carbonate,
3 calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium oxide,
4 magnesium phosphate, and clay.